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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Society Members,

Fall greetings to everyone and I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. The GHHS football team has already scored a winning game, and the students are back at school. Now begins the time for switching out petunias for mums and the "Go Bucks" flags on Grandview homes! The Society board doesn't regularly meet during the summer, but we still make our presence known. The Society hosted a booth at the Grandview Heights Public Library's Music on the Lawn series, where we had materials available for purchase as well as membership materials. We also had a table at the Lazy Daze Festival. We hope all of you in attendance were able to stop by.

Currently we are putting final touches on plans for the GH/MCHS Annual Meeting. This will be a very special event. I sincerely hope as many members as possible can attend! See the details on this page. We will be honoring several people, but especially the GHHS Alumni Association for their huge impact on special projects at the high school this year. At the short business meeting, I will highlight this year's accomplishments. Refreshments will be offered at the conclusion of the program.

As always, I welcome your thoughts, suggestions, or comments.

Sincerely,

Tracy Liberatore, President

Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, October 3, 2010 — 2-4 p.m.
Grandview Heights High School

Norma Goss was the Grandview High School valedictorian of her 1935 graduating class, and gave the commencement address for the June 6th ceremony that year. Norma chose to talk about the relationship between the schools and the community throughout the life of the two entities. After summarizing the history of the schools, her concluding comment was: "A splendid spirit of loyal cooperation toward our schools has always been a recorded characteristic in this community and if the same loyal attitude continues Grandview's educational institution is assured a successful future."

In fact, this loyal attitude has continued, and the level of cooperation has grown in scale and focus. This has never been more evident than this past year. The Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society is devoting their annual meeting to the celebration of this spirit on October 3rd, from 2:00 to 4:00 in the high school.

Beginning with the class of 1922, a composite of all the photos of the graduating seniors have been made. Over the years, many of the composites have been stored away, and many have disappeared. GHHS teacher Jeri Hendricks conceived the idea to work with the school's Key Club to get these important parts of the history of the schools restored to their original state and hung in the hallways of the school, where they belong. This project, which was quite extensive, attracted the attention of several community groups, including the Alumni Association and the Historical Society. The Alumni Association put out a call to its members to try to locate some of the missing ones; the Historical Society offered to help with re-matting and framing the existing composites. GHHS senior Taylor Pickering volunteered to create composites for the classes preceding 1922, and for any classes that a composite couldn't be located; GHHS teacher, Brad Gintert (Industrial Technology), helped make frames for each composite. Community residents also volunteered to do the framing and hang them in the hallways of the high school.

The auditorium of the high school has been the forum for many school activities and community events over the years, and had seen better days. Local residents banded together in a fundraising activity to find money to repair and upgrade the seats in the room, install lighting and sound systems that could accommodate the kinds of activities that take place there, and refinish the front facade of the stage. Local residents volunteered their time to perform the work that was necessary, and many others worked behind the scenes to make this project a reality.

The Historical Society allocated funds to build a display case that is located near the entrance to the high school to be used to showcase school related historical artifacts and documents, so that the students can be more aware of the historical significance of the schools and the community. Resident Jack Liberatore constructed the case, and it is now fully functional.

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The October 3rd celebration will bring together representatives from many of these community organizations to talk about their activities. The wall of composites will be dedicated, and a display will be present in the new display case. A short business meeting of the Historical Society will be held in the refurbished auditorium, and Wayne Carlson will reprise Norma Goss' commencement address with a short presentation on the history of the schools in Grandview. Refreshments will be served, and the Society publications will be for sale. The book bundles and historical playing cards make ideal holiday gifts. Memberships can be renewed and new and gift memberships will be available.

For the last two years we have had available an archival donation table, where historical items can be dropped off for donation, or the Society will make copies, if donors wish. We are especially interested in photographs of people, places, and events, home abstracts of title, vintage magazines or news releases of local interest, artifacts and scrapbooks. Society archives continue to grow because of generous contributions. No item, if of historical interest, lacks significance in documenting community history. Please join us on Sunday afternoon, October 3 at 2:00 pm. and help your Society celebrate our connection with the schools!

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GHMCHS Installs a Permanent Showcase at the GH High School

The Society commissioned Jack Liberatore to design and build a custom cabinet to showcase the GHMCHS's collection of GHHS memorabilia. The showcase is constructed primarily of quarter-sawn oak with eucalyptus and marble accents. The cabinet was installed in the high school entrance lobby last April. The style and finish blend well with the main lobby interior. The inaugural display coincided with the graduation festivities and showcased memorabilia from the first commencement in May of 1916.

The historical society has a huge archive of GHHS memorabilia, spanning 96 years, that covers all aspects of high school life, e.g. sports, band/orchestra, plays, musicals, the Highlander, former fraternities, sororities, etc. The showcase was put in the high school for the students' benefit. Faculty, student organizations, and the administration have been invited to actively participate in the design and focus of future displays.



The display has recently been changed and the theme for the start of the school year is the building of the current high school in 1922. Construction pictures and early registers are included. Eighty-five year old mid-year chemistry, biology, English and "Virgil" tests are also currently on display. Do make a point to view the showcase. Comments or donations are always welcomed.

